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8. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the enzyme is a protease.
4. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the reducing agent is selected from L-cystein, (metabisulfite), inactivated yeast extract (glutathione), derivatives and mixtures thereof.
5. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the masa foodstuff further comprises carrageenan.
- A 6. (Amended) The process of claim 1, wherein the masa foodstuff further comprises guar.
7. (Amended) A masa foodstuff obtainable or obtained by the process of claim 1.
8. A masa foodstuff comprising a modified protein wherein the unmodified protein is native to corn. *Not limited to corn*
9. (Amended) A method of using a reducing agent or an enzyme to improve the interaction of a protein in a masa foodstuff, wherein the protein is native to the corn.
10. A process as substantially described herein with reference to any one of the Examples.
11. A foodstuff as substantially described herein with reference to any one of the Examples.
12. A use as substantially described herein with reference to any one of the Examples.
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IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the claims without prejudice, without admission, without surrender of subject matter, and without any intention of creating any estoppel as to equivalents, as follows:

Kindly cancel the present abstract.

After the claims, please insert: The invention provides a masa foodstuff, methods of

A³ making and uses thereof.--